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## REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 1/12/81

FULL NAME Miles S. Vaughn  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS P.O. Box 1129

CITY Tucson, STATE AZ ZIP CODE 85702

DATE OF BIRTH 4/23/32 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Lutheran NATIONALITY Cauc.

OCCUPATION Rancher, Unemployed - Former Gun Shop Owner,

EDUCATION College Graduate (I was told my Mr. Vaughn)

WEIGHT 220 HEIGHT 6' 1" RACE Cauc.

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Gun Shows

MARRIED OR (SINGLE) \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN N/A  
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
E700	Tucson	AZ	SM	3/79	6/2/80

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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 Attached Letter

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION  
 AND LIST ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE  
 OR SPECULATION):

Attached Article

F. STARON

JAN 29 1981

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JOSEPH L. ANDERSON

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Catalina #11

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April 22, 1981

Mr. Larry J. Leighton  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council #11

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Miles Vaughn

Dear Mr. Leighton:

Thank you for the detailed information you gave us on the above  
Scouter. We have discussed this case with our attorney and have  
now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Thanks very much,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription and  
Statistical Service

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January 5, 1981

Mr. Larry J. Leighton  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council - #11

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Miles Vaughn

Dear Mr. Leighton:

Thank you for the newspaper article you sent us concerning the above  
scouter/

We are enclosing a confidential record sheet, and we would appreciate you  
completing it and returning it to us as soon as possible. This will  
help us in making identification in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription and  
Statistical Service

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SCOUTING/USA

Catalina Council—Boy Scouts of America

350 North Campbell Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona 85719  
(602) 623-6448

December 31, 1980

Paul Ernst  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
P. O. Box 61030  
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261


Dear Paul:

Please note the attached newspaper article appearing in the Tucson Citizen Newspaper, December 19, 1980, regarding Miles Vaughn. It is the recommendation by the Catalina Council that Miles Vaughn has served as a Scoutmaster of Troop 700 for many years up until March, 1980, at which time he did not reregister in the capacity of Scoutmaster or any volunteer Scouting capacity. The article is self-explanatory, and has been verified by the Council President, Walter E. Lovejoy, III, Executive Board Member, Harold F. Warren, Assistant Scout Executive, Robert C. MacConnell and the Scout Executive, that Mr. Vaughn did in fact admit directly to us and the Church Pastor, Troop Committee Chairman, and now current Scoutmaster, Larry Campbell, that he did in fact have a homosexual relationship with a minor at a prior period.

It is recommended that should Mr. Vaughn attempt to reregister in any volunteer capacity in the future, that his application be closely screened before acceptance.

Should any additional information be necessary, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

  
Larry J. Leighton  
Scout Executive

LJL:jaw

cc: Walter E. Lovejoy, III  
Eugene R. Richey

enc:

F. STARON

JAN 29 1981

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# Tucson Citizen

## Ex-scoutmaster to be jailed for molesting young Scouts

By NORMA COILE  
Children Staff Writer

For 15 or 20 years, former Tucson Scoutmaster Miles Vaughn hid what he called his "bad side" from the parents of the Boy Scouts in his troop, and even from himself.

In his public life, Vaughn, 48, was a proud, popular and well-respected leader whose troop turned out more than two dozen Eagle Scouts.

But in secrecy, he was a man who sexually molested young Scouts, ages 10 to 20, who looked to him for

guidance and leadership.

The molestings went on, Vaughn has recently admitted, in his home, at his ranch and on Scout camping trips from the 1960s until late 1979.

The boys kept the secret, because Vaughn was an authority figure and they didn't know what else to do.

And Vaughn himself, a former gunshop owner, now says, "I was ashamed of it. I wanted to keep it in the dark."

Finally, though, a year ago tomorrow, one young

man was so tormented by the shameful things that had happened to him years earlier that he went to authorities with the story.

With the secret at last uncovered, there suddenly was "an outpouring of people" coming forward, said Deputy County Attorney Cindy Martinez, and the names of 25 possible victims were given to sheriff's investigators.

Many of the 10 victims who could be contacted by authorities were in their 20s, and they told a grand

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## Molester of Scouts gets jail

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jury of incidents that happened to them years earlier in their days at Palo Verde High School.

Vaughn was arrested in July and charged with 10 counts of child molestation and sexual conduct with minors, and he pleaded guilty to two charges. Today, as he was sentenced to 1 year in jail and 15 years on probation, Vaughn told the judge that "the bad Miles has come to grips with himself."

"I know it will never happen again," he told Superior Court Judge James C. Carruth. "I have made a promise to myself, my God and my community."

While the parents of some of his victims — many of whom say they have forgiven Vaughn — looked on in the courtroom, Vaughn described his "two personalities." He said he has learned, through counseling, that he was trying to "get even" with himself, "through sexual misconduct, not living up to my own expectations."

He said he was trying to get caught, "so I would have an excuse to kill myself."

Vaughn's defense attorney urged the judge to give Vaughn probation, because Vaughn has responded well to counseling and has admitted his acts, but prosecutor Ms. Martinez said she believed the victims and the community should not be forgotten and Vaughn should be punished as well as treated for his problems.

Carruth, while noting that Vaughn has the support of most of the people who would be expected to be angry with him, said Vaughn should spend time in jail, because so many people were hurt by his acts for such a long time.

"I do not believe you when you say it is a few brief incidents," the judge said. "In addition to turning out Eagle Scouts, I believe you have turned out several homosexuals and some very disturbed people."

Carruth told Vaughn that Vaughn's personal problems were no excuse for his behavior, and he admonished him never to violate his probation or he will land in prison. "And if you think your life was miserable before..."

Vaughn was ordered to continue receiving psychiatric counseling and to never work with Boy Scouts again without the express corporate permission of the Boy Scouts of America.

"If you're at all sincere," Carruth added, "then morally, you ought to pay for any counseling or medical treatment the victims require." Vaughn has agreed to do so.

At least one of the victims has suffered severe emotional trauma, and his father's letter was the only one of numerous letters the judge received that urged a prison sentence for Vaughn. "He should do at least five years at Florence," that father said today.

Other parents, however, left the courtroom with Vaughn. Some had tears in their eyes. "He must have been one of the greatest scoutmasters there ever was," said Vaughn's defense attorney, Armand Salese. "For the parents to be so willing to forgive him for what he has done..."